

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:30 A.M., on Thursday, July 26, 2012.

Members Present: First Selectman Freda, Walter Mann, Richard LoPresti, Frank Maher, Deborah Moore, Radha Prasad, Walter Spader, William Gambardella

Members Absent: Todd DePino

MINUTES

Chairman LoPresti opened the meeting with a discussion of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on June 28, 2012. Mr. Maher moved their acceptance, seconded by Ms. Moore.

VOTE:	LoPresti -Yes	Mann - Yes	Maher - Yes
	Freda - Yes	Spader - Yes	Gambardella - Yes
	Moore - Yes	Prasad - Yes	

SHOW & SELL

Ms. Goodkin said letters will be going out next week to all food vendors and businesses. You can also register online and mail or fax it in. She is also preparing a press release which will be in all the local newspapers. Mr. LoPresti said that he contacted Robin Wilson at the Chamber and she will be notifying all North Haven members.

STATE STREET BUSINESSES

Ms. Goodkin said that the letter went out to 144 businesses. Mr. LoPresti said that at our next meeting he would like to split up the list of businesses among the commission members. He would like commission members to make phone calls or visit the businesses on their list. Ms. Goodkin will bring the list of businesses to our August meeting.

Mr. LoPresti said that he contacted Mr. Petrini about the coupons/offers from businesses on State Street to Yale employees. He said that Yale has a solicitation policy and he is waiting to hear back from him.

297 STATE STREET

Mr. Freda said that Sustainable Building Systems will open its headquarters in the old Quebecor building at 297 State Street and create more than 400 jobs. The company will manufacture sustainable building panels for homes, hotels, the military and more. Mr. Freda said that the State offered incentives that drew the company to Connecticut. He said that it was collaborative effort between the Town and State and he looks forward to working with the State on future projects.

Mr. LoPresti suggested that once the company moves into the building, the Commission should meet with them for an in-depth discussion and put together a presentation for the company about North Haven.

COMMISSION UPDATE

Mr. Spader said that he is working on the marketing material for next month's meeting.

M. FREDA UPDATE

Mr. Freda said that a development company has purchased the D'Addio property on Washington Avenue and will be presenting their plans for housing at the August 6<sup>th</sup> Planning & Zoning meeting. The housing will be for young professionals attending Quinnipiac's North Haven campus. He asked Commission members if they supported this concept. All members thought it was an excellent project and asked Mr. LoPresti to attend the meeting on their behalf.

Mr. Spader then moved that the Economic Development Commission (EDC) supports the concept of development on the D'Addio property and ask Mr. LoPresti to attend the P&Z meeting on August 6th to present EDC's opinion on this project.

Seconded by, Mr. Prasad.

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	Freda - Yes	Spader - Yes	Gambardella - Yes
	Moore - Yes	Prasad – Yes	

Mr. Freda then gave an update on the various economic development projects he is working on. Mr. Freda said that there are many ongoing projects and once they have been confirmed, he will report on them.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. LoPresti said that the Commission is a member of CEDAS. He said that commission members are welcome to attend their meetings and activities. You can access this information from their website. He said it is a great networking opportunity.

Mr. Muzzy, Quinnipiac Intern, said that he is creating a Town page on Facebook.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for August 23, 2012 at **8:30 a.m.**

There being no further business before the Commission, Mr. Spader moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40AM, seconded by Mr. Gambardella.